

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 26, 2000**  
**LBJ Building, Boise, ID - Room 307 / 9:00 am – 9:45 am**

**Present:**

Darrell Manning, Chair	Ron Bitner	Ed House
John Huffman	Bill Shipp (via phone)	Robin Dodson
Charles Ruch	Richard Bowen (via phone)	Randi McDermott
Niel Zimmerman	Robert Hoover (via phone)	

**I. Minutes of May 9, 2000**

**MSC(Shipp/Ruch): To approve the minutes of May 9, 2000.**

**II. Board Directive: Review and Make Recommendations related to HERC / EPSCoR Role, Performance and Relationship, especially in relation to the Statewide Science and Technology Plan**

Dr. Dodson introduced the discussion and provided some background information on the Board directive. He explained that there may be some overlap in duties between the Statewide EPSCoR Committee and the Statewide Science and Technology Advisory Council.

Dr. Bowen indicated that the HERC and EPSCoR role and relationship has a long history, which at times has been clouded by conflicting interests. He suggested a neutral group be put together to look at this and provide recommendations.

Dr. Shipp noted that MaryAnn Clark is contracted to the Statewide Science and Technology Advisory Council to gather data related to this issue and suggested she may be able to add gathering information for the Board directive to her charge.

Dr. House suggested a neutral subcommittee of individuals with research knowledge help review and make recommendations on any information received.

It was decided that Dr. Dodson would contact Ms. Clark and discuss adding an interview with EPSCoR members to her charge. It is anticipated that she would present her findings and recommendations to HERC, which would then consider whether a subcommittee is needed and how best to proceed to meet the Board's directive.

**III. Research Center Grant Program**

**MSC (Ruch/Bitner): To approve the changes to the Research Center Grant Program Request for Proposals.**

**There was general consensus to run a Research Center Grant Competition this Fall for funding in FY 2002-2004.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45AM.